

Form Letters

Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Mr. Kanz:

I am writing in opposition to the proposed reconstruction of the Farad Diversion Dam.

Since the destruction of the original Farad hydroelectric dam in the flood of 1997 the Truckee River has largely restored itself and now provides excellent fish and aquatic habitat, as well as outstanding opportunities for angling and boating. The preservation of this area will ensure it continues as a recreational resource whose value already far outweighs the virtually insignificant amount of hydroelectric power that will be produced by the dam.

24-1

Without the Farad dam, Sierra Pacific Power Company can utilize its Truckee River water rights using other existing downstream diversions. Construction of the dam will degrade this area and render virtually worthless its ecological, recreational, and economic values. By simply deciding NOT to build this dam, we can ensure the meeting of water quality objectives; providing optimum flows for fish, recreation, and other beneficial uses; restoring the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout; and maintaining public trust values.

24-2

With such a large number of pre-existing dams already in place on the Truckee do we really need to construct any more? Please do not allow the re-construction of the Farad hydroelectric dam or the construction of any new dams on the Truckee River.

Sincerely,

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Response to Comment Letter Number 24 (form letter)

Response to Comment Number 24-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Cost 1.

Response to Comment Number 24-2

Please see Master Responses Need 1 and 3.

Mr. Russ Kanz
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Re: Farad diversion dam replacement project DEIR

Dear Mr. Kanz:

I urge the State Water Board to adopt the "No Project" alternative for the Farad diversion dam replacement project on the Truckee River. The original Farad hydro project produced an insignificant amount of energy, while harming the river. Even without replacing the Farad dam, Sierra Pacific Power can utilize its water rights by diverting water further downstream at existing facilities. Not replacing the dam best meets state water quality objectives, beneficial uses, endangered species needs, and the spirit of the public trust for the Truckee River.

25-1

If the Board should choose to permit the reconstruction of the dam, I urge that a minimum fish flow of 250 cubic feet per second be required below the diversion to provide for the eventual restoration of the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout in this segment of the river. In addition, I support one weekend a month whitewater flow releases from the dam to provide for kayaking and rafting.

25-2

25-3

Please inform me of the State Board's decision on this project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Response to Comment Letter Number 25 (form letter)

Response to Comment Number 25-1

Please see Master Responses Alternative 1 and Cost 1.

Response to Comment Number 25-2

Please see Master Responses Fish 1 and Fish 3.

Response to Comment Number 25-3

See Master Response Recreation 1, an additional mitigation measure has been added that, if implemented, will eliminate weekend boating flows.

April 22, 2002

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Dear Mr. Kanz:

I'm writing to encourage the Board to not allow the rebuilding of the Farad diversion dam on the Truckee River.

As a fisherman who spends substantial time (and dollars) fishing the Truckee River, it has been heartening to see how quickly Mother Nature has restored the aquatic habitat once she took the dam out, which emphasizes the importance of planning for proper water flows. Biologists have recommended a flow of 250 cfs in order to maintain a healthy fish population, and those recommendations should be incorporated into any proposed dam. However, I believe the best course of action is the 'No Project' alternative. This is clearly the best way to meet state and federal goals and objectives for the Truckee River, including optimum fish flows that will help restore the threatened Lahontan Cutthroat trout.

26-1

The minor amount of hydroelectric power that a rebuilt Farad dam can provide does not stack up against the maintenance of the public trust and the recreational uses of the Truckee River. This section of the river has ideal access for both fishing and boating, and should be allowed to remain in its current natural state.

Sincerely,



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Response to Comment Letter Number 26 (form letter)

Response to Comment Number 26-1

Please see Master Responses Alternative 1, Fish 1, Fish 3, and Cost 1.